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**¶1. (U) Croatia's ICJ Oral Argument in Support of Kosovo's Declaration of Independence:** Croatia is scheduled to give its oral argument in support of Kosovo's declaration of independence on December 7. Croatian media speculated that Belgrade will react negatively to Croatia's presentation at the ICJ.

**¶2. (U) FM Jandrovic and President Mesic's Public Statements on Troop Increases for ISAF:** When asked over the weekend about possible troop increases from Croatia to the ISAF mission FM Jandrovic said that "it is too early to talk about this." He noted that "we need a government decision first and then a two-thirds majority in the Sabor." President Mesic, speaking to the press on December 5, stated that "there is no possibility of Croatia sending additional troops to the mission in Afghanistan at the moment," but that "we can talk about it again next year."

**¶3. (U) Croatian Parliament Adopts New Labor Law:** The Croatian Sabor passed a new labor law on November 4. The law establishes the maximum number of hours per week at 40, with a maximum of 8 hours of overtime. An amendment was also adopted stating that pregnant women should not work night shifts unless they request it and receive a physician's approval. The opposition Social Democratic Party (SDP) and Croatian labor unions criticized the law because it did not set limits for the period of time workers can perform temporary contractual labor without the promise of full-time employment.

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